

**DECLARATION, PETITION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

(Check one):

- ☒ Declaration Submitted with Initial Filing  
☐ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MOTOR-DRIVEN SCREW DRIVER**

the specification of which (check one):

- ☐ is attached hereto.  
OR  
☒ was filed on **14 September 1999** as PCT International Application Number **PCT/DE99/02906**, and was filed as U.S. Serial No. **09/554,343**  
☐ and was amended by PCT Article 19 Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable),  
☐ and was amended by PCT Article 34 Amendment on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable).

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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# PRIORITY CLAIM

(Check one):

- ☐ no such applications have been filed.
- ☒ such applications have been filed as follows

**1) FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (dd,mm,yyyy)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached	
				Yes	No
198 41 870.1	DE	14 September 1998 (14.09.98)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
299 08 022.6	DE	05 May 1999 (05.05.99)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
299 08 023.4	DE	05 May 1999 (05.05.99)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
299 10 742.6	DE	19 June 1999 (19.06.99)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

**2) PROVISIONAL PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Provisional Application Number(s)	Filing Date (dd,mm,yyyy)

☐ Additional provisional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

**3) U.S./PCT PRIORITY CLAIM:** I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application or §365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (dd,mm,yyyy)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
	PCT/DE99/02906	14 September 1999 (14.09.99)	

☐ Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

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Serial or Patent No.: 09/554,3  
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Title: MOTOR-DRIVEN SCREW DRIVER

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN JOHANNES LÜBBERING AG  
ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN Haldenstrasse 1  
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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
☒ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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